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SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS:

STATEMENT BY PANAMANIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A PORTION OF PANAMANIAN PERMREP
BOYD'S STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL
ON JANUARY 19, WHICH DEALS WITH PANAMA CANAL TREATY
NEGOTIATIONS:

QUOTE

AT THE PRESENT TIME PANAMA IS SEEKING SUPPORT IN THE INTER-
NATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF A COLONIAL ENCLAVE
WHICH HAS DIVIDED OUR TERRITORY INTO TWO PARTS, KNOWN
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AS THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE. PANAMA KNOWS
THE MEANING OF FRUSTRATION AND PAIN ENDURED BY THOSE WHO ARE
IMPATIENTLY WAITING FOR THE RECOVERY OF EFFECTIVE SOVEREIGNTY
OVER THEIR LAND, AND FOR THAT REASON WE CANNOT FAIL TO JOIN
WITH THOSE WHO DEMAND THAT THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE
BE RECOGNIZED.

RESPECT FOR THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF ALL THE PEOPLES
OF THE WORLD TO SELF-DETERMINATION, TO THE EXERCISE OF SOVERIEGNTY
OVER THEIR TRRRITORIES, AND TO THE ENJOYMENT OF TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY IS THE PRINCIPLE WHICH IS THE CORNERSTONE OF
PEACE AND SECURITY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THE VIOLATION OF THAT
PRINCIPLE HAS ALWAYS ENDANGERED SECURITY IN THE AREA CONCERNED

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AND, ON MANY OCCASIONS AS IN THE CASE OF THE MIDDLE EAST, HAS

BEEN THE CAUSE OF A BREACH OF THE PEACE IN THE AREA.
PANAMA IS WELL AWARE OF THAT FACT FROM ITS OWN HISTORICAL
EXPERIENCE, FOR WE HAVE ENDURED 72 YEARS OF FOREIGN INTERFERENCE
IN OUR TERRITORY, WHICH HAS PREVENTED US FROM FULLY EX-
ERCISING OUR SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OVER PART OF OUR NATIONAL
TERRITORY. INCIDENTS RELATED TO THAT MATTER BROUGHT ABOUT IN
1964 A BREACH OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE AREA, ALL
OF WHICH APPEARS IN THE RECORDS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.
FROM THAT TIME ON WE HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH THE UNITED STATES
TO SEEK A SETTLEMENT SAFEGUARDING OUR SOVERIEGN RIGHTS,
AWARE THAT FAILURE AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE CAN MEAN VIOLENCE
ONCE AGAIN.
THE SITUATION PREVAILING IN THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE IS CONTRARY
TO THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER BECAUSE IT OBSTRUCTS OUR
RIGHT TO NATIONAL UNITY AND IS NOT IN KEEPING WITH RESPECT
FOR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, WHICH THE STATES REPRESENTED
HERE HAVE PLEDGED.
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